



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kuiken)
Serial No.: 09/558,570)
Filed: April 26, 2000)
For: HIGH PROFILE MULTIAXIAL)
PROSTHETIC FOOT)

Examiner: Bruce E. Snow

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 6, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 6, 2001, the Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as indefinite. The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Wilkinson. The Examiner further rejected claims 1, 3, 10 and 18-19 as anticipated by Wilson et al. Finally, the Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in view of Wilkinson. Please note that the Office Action summary was marked in error as a "Final" action.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 10 pursuant to § 112. Support for "means for controlling the rotation of the footplate about the frame" is found on P. 9, lines 18-27 where "[t]he rotation of the footplate 69 may be limited by the coefficient of friction between the